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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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AMEMBASSY SAIGON NIACT IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 3736

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, VS, CB, ENRG

SUBJECT: GVN-GKR OIL DRILLING DISPUTE

REF: A) SINGAPORE 3721; B) SAIGON 11891

1. GLOBAL MARINE EXECUTIVE (METSON) ADVISED EMBOFF
1600 HOURS SEPTEMBER 12 THAT OIL RIG (GLOMAR 4) STILL
IN PLACE WITH ONE ANCHOR DOWN READY TO MOVE BY 2400
HOUR SEPTEMBER 12 DEADLINE. HE STATED HE HAD CONVERSATION
WITH PERSONNEL ON RIG 1530 HOURS AND THAT HE ABSOLUTELY
SURE RIG COULD BE MOVED BY THIS DEADLINE.

HE NOTED GLOBAL MARINE HAS FULL CONTROL OF RIG.

HE SAID ELF-ERAP REPRESENTATIVE IN SINGAPORE
HAS ADVISED GLOBAL MARINE THAT ACCORDING TO INFO
RECEIVED FROM FRENCH EMBASSY IN SAIGON GVN HAS GIVEN
24 HOUR EXTENSION TO PERMIT REMOVAL OF RIG. HOWEVER,
METSON SKEPTICAL WHETHER THIS INFO ACCURATE. IN VIEW
OF ALLEGED EXTENSION, ELF WANTED TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER
DAY BEFORE REMOVING RIG IN HOPES THAT THERE MIGHT BE
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EITHER A FURTHER EXTENSION OR SOME OTHER NEGOTIATED

SETTLEMENT BETWEEN GVN AND GKR.

2. AFTER EMBOFF RELAYED CONTENTS OF REF B IN CONFIDENCE TO METSON, HE SAID GLOBAL WOULD ONLY KEEP RIG IN PLACE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 2200 HOURS, SEPT 12, TO MAKE SURE NO FORMAL EXTENSION GRANTED. IF NONE RECEIVED BY THAT TIME, RIG WILL BE TOWED TO UNDISPUTED AREA.

3. EMBASSY ALSO RELAYED IN CONFIDENCE CONTENTS REF B TO FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELLOR WHO WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY APPRECIATES SAIGON'S PWQROMPT RESPONSE AND BELIEVES GLOBAL MARINE WILL PROBABLY REMOVE RIG PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT SEPT 12. FROM MELPON'S REMARKS TO EMBOFF, IT SEEMS VERY UNLIKELY GLOBAL MARINE WILL KEEP RIG IN DISPUTED AREA UNLESS IT RECEIVED FIRM INFO FROM UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCE THAT DEADLINE HAS BEEN FORMALLY EXTENDED BY GVN. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, ELF HAS DRAGGED ITS HEELS ON AGREEING TO REMOVAL OF RIG PROBABLY IN RESPONSE TO GKR PRESSURE.
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